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Wheeler piles on more deception trying to defend EPA's corrupt actions on formaldehyde

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In a series of recent hearings Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler has sought to justify <u>his and his agency's corrupt decision</u>s to kill off a health assessment of formaldehyde done by career scientists in the agency's science arm (IRIS) and resurrect it under the control of conflicted political appointees.

Once again, the Trump EPA is elevating private interests over the public interest – and offering up deceptions to try to obfuscate and cover up its real intent.

Recall that under Wheeler's and his predecessor's leadership, a draft of the IRIS assessment, ready since fall 2017 for release for public comment and peer review, has been suppressed. Also recall that EPA leadership ran a phony priority-setting process last fall under the direction of yet another conflicted political appointee in order to claim that the IRIS formaldehyde assessment is <u>no longer a priority for the agency</u>. Aspects of this scheme were highlighted in <u>a recent report of Congress' Government Accountability Office (GAO)</u>. Finally, recall that a scant few weeks after that pronouncement, EPA declared last month that it <u>intends to name formaldehyde a "high-priority substance"</u> under TSCA.

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